Wednesday

Dear Millie

Your letter recieved yesterday. Why did you not say how your throat was? And I dont want to be turned off with a general answer. It is a great mistake to suppose that the way to treat your Mother is to tell her all the little things that amuse you and always make out a good story and not tell her the other side also. Now I can imagine more in an hour than you could write in a day, and so you dont gain anything neither do I.

Joe has been very unwilling to make the change in schools and has been hanging on at the High school but I guess he had about made up his mind that

both admired your dress very much, both the material and the way it was made.

We have been quite successful lately in getting Papa to read loud evenings ~~on~~ something besides politics. Quite a feat too when election is so near. Did I tell you that he might have gone to legislature this winter? He was solicited to take the nomination that was afterwards given to McClure and every one says he would have had a much larger vote than he ~~did~~ will. The republ's have probably made a mistake in their men for Legislature. McClure will be elected, but strangely

its no use and will change.
Now it becomes a question as to
what he shall study. In a private
school he can take what we wish
provided hours of recitation
suit. I think he had best review
Arithmetic and Algebra and devote
a great deal of attention to writing
and composition. He cannot go
on with German without extra
pay and I have no doubt it is
best to drop it. Mr. Moore says let him
take Latin even if he does not learn
much or go far in it, and as so
many of our words are from
Latin perhaps it is as well.
He has never studied Physical
Geography and I want him
to do so. I am telling you about

this because if he sends you
word what day he is going
to make the change in school
I wish if possible you would
go over and stay all night at
Uncle's, go with him to the
school and help to arrange
his studies.
I should certainly recommend
a Maurandia for your window and will try
to send you one.
We are to have a visit from Mr
Gill, some Sat. to remain over
Sabbath. Don't know just when.
I suppose your fruit might
just as well go one time as
another, I shall try and get
Papa to pack it soon.
Aunt Jennie and Mrs. Mann

had better stick to the nomination
for Harwood and Furman will
vote right on school and University
questions. Papa says he shall.
So much for politics, because
I have no doubt you are in utter
ignorance in that benighted Berkeley
where they consider it a question
of more importance who was
Emperor of Rome B.C. 200.
than who is to be the next senator
from Cal^a

With 2 mo's salary
as Librarian to start in upon
and the fruit you have quite
a start upon your board and
with a replenished wardrobe
and some money still in
Uncle's hands I think you
may feel quite comfortable.

I am very glad for you.
Do you write cheerful letters
to Annie? She did not look
happy after your last letter,
but dont tell her I said so
for it will give her an uncomfortable
feeling of being watched. I have
no doubt you feel anything
but cheerful when you sit
down to write to her, thinking
of her state of health. It is all
I can do to keep myself fit to be
where she is, but for her sake
we must not give up. She has
seemed I thought a good deal
depressed since she came home
stays in her own room a
great deal of the time and
seems utterly without an

an object. She seems to me to
have less energy and strength
than she had and I know it
is very bad for her to be
so much alone, but I dont
know what to do. I am so
disappointed about Rhoda's
going into the University. I
thought if she did not teach
she would come and make
Annie a long visit. For your
sake however I am glad she is
there. If you find anything
that Annie will like to send
send it to her. Prof. Kellog
paid you some money and
you can use it up for postage.
There I dont often inflict
so long a letter. Mamma

enough the Oakland people put
up two quite young men Horwood
and Farnum who go round the
country and after Nathan Porter
has made a speech get up and say
"I think just as Mr. Porter does".
and fail to make any impression
on the people, so there will
be a good deal of scratching and
to make the matter worse some
of the Oaklanders have started
an opposition ticket, which will
further divide the Republican
vote and end by giving the
Democrats two members of
legislature and may end in
the choice of a Democrat as
United States senator. If the
Republs could only see it so they